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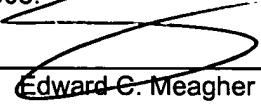
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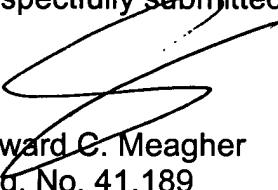
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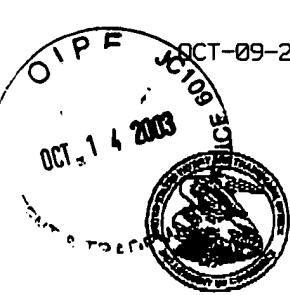
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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**Foreign Applications****If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 10/03/2003****Projected Publication Date: 01/13/2005****Non-Publication Request: No****Early Publication Request: No****Title**

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Date	January 8, 2002
International Application No.	
Attorney Docket No.	2684 PCT

I. Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (if applicable)

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II. New International Application

TITLE	ANASTOMOSIS INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING SAME
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Earliest priority date (Day/Month/Year)
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- B. There is no prior U.S. application relating to this invention.
- C. The following prior U.S. application(s) contain subject matter which is related to the invention disclosed in the attached international application. (NOTE: priority to these applications may or may not be claimed on form PCT/RO/101 (Request) and this listing does not constitute a claim for priority.)

application no.	60/263,891	filed on	24 January 2001
application no.		filed on	

- D. The present international application contains additional subject matter not found in the prior U.S. application(s) identified in paragraph C. above. The additional subject matter is found on pages _____ and DOES NOT ALTER MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO ALTER the general nature of the invention in a manner which would require the U.S. application to have been made available for inspection by the appropriate defense agencies under 35 U.S.C. 181 and 37 CFR 5.1. See 37 CFR 5.15

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- A. A Request for An Extension of Time to File a Response
- B. A Power of Attorney (General or Regular)
- C. Replacement pages:

pages	of the request (PCT/RO/101)	pages	of the figures
pages	of the description	pages	of the abstract
pages	of the claims		

- D. Submission of Priority Documents

Priority document	Priority document
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- E. Fees as specified on attached Fee Calculation sheet form PCT/RO/101 annex

IV. A Request for Rectification under PCT 91 A Petition A Sequence Listing Diskette

V. Other (please specify):

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REQUEST

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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

ANASTOMOSIS INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING SAME

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Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.

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Continuation of Box No. IV

See Attached Schedule A

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application: [*] regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 24 January 2001 (24.01.01)	60/263,891	US		
item (2)				
item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				

 Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (*only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office*) identified above as:

all items item (1) item (2) item (3) item (4) item (5) other, see
Supplemental Box

* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA / EP.....

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year)	Number	Country (or regional Office)
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The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

Number of declarations

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i) | Declaration as to the identity of the inventor | : |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii) | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application | : |
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Dated: January 8, 2002

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1. TRANSMITTAL FEE 240.00 **T**
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